

## IMPORTANT CHANGES IN CAMPAIGN REPORTING RULES

The Governor has signed urgency legislation affecting campaign reporting. The following important changes are effective immediately:

- **State and County Political Party Committees** (including county central committees) are subject to new reporting rules. (AB 890, Chapter 623.)

Pre-election reports in connection with the November election must be filed by any political party committee that has *received contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or has made contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more* during the applicable pre-election period. Pre-election statements are due on October 5 (for the period July 1 through September 30) and October 21 (for the period October 1 through October 16).

All political party committees are now considered “state” general purpose committees, and must file their reports with Secretary of State, the County of Los Angeles, the City and County of San Francisco, and their county of domicile. (Addresses are on the FPPC website.) Committees that have received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more since January 1, 2000, must file electronically with the Secretary of State.

In addition, for all filers, contributions of \$1,000 or more *made to or received by* a political party committee during the 16-day period prior to a state election are late contributions and must be reported within 24 hours. The late contribution period for the November election is October 17 through November 1, 2004.

- **State Candidates—Loans.** A candidate for elective state office may not have personal loans outstanding to his or her campaign in excess of \$100,000. This limit now includes the proceeds of a loan obtained by the candidate from a commercial lending institution. (SB 1449, Chapter 815.)
- **Advertising Disclosure.** Government Code sections 84502 (defining “cumulative contributions”) and 84506, requiring disclosure on mass mailing and broadcast advertisements supporting or opposing state candidates and ballot measures that are independent expenditures, have been amended. (See SB 604, Chapter 478, or call the FPPC for information.)
- **Late Period Reports.** Government Code sections 84203 and 84204 have been amended to consolidate late contribution and independent expenditure reports filed in connection with state elections with the 24-hour election cycle reports required under sections 85309 and 85500, added by Proposition 34. (SB 604, Chapter 478.)

These and other legislative changes will be summarized in the next issue of the FPPC *Bulletin*.

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